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from a safari in Tanganyika, as guests of the Mellons. I was delighted to see Mat again, for we have met only occasionally since I first visited him when he was teaching at the University of Freiberg. After a brief career in business, in the course of which he made a considerable fortune, he returned to his scholastic studies, which he has happily combined with a love for sailing and travel.

Tonight I dined with Ethel de Croisset on Rue Weber. It was as much fun as any evening could be. The other guests were her two boys, both of college age, Gaston Palewski, the Groults, Jessie Bruce, Madame Charpentier (very pretty), John Crosby, of the Herald Tribune, Mr. Wheeler of the Museum of Modern Art, and the American architect who is married to Tatiana Metternich's sister. I had [redacted] a talk with Gaston, who during his stay in Rome was, I think, on the whole the most spectacular French Ambassador posted there since the time of Abbé de Bernis. I am not speaking of whatever his professional skill may or may not have amounted to, but what he did in the way of furnishing and displaying the beauties of the Farnese Palace was admirable. As a devoted Gaullist, however, he always wanted to be back in Paris at the source of power. Now, as head of the French Atomic Energy Commission, he has realized this wish.

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I spent the morning at the Embassy, some of it in conversation with Cecil Lyon. At noon, I visited Cousin Natalie Barney, at 20 Rue Jacob. To my regret, she said that Hachette, the huge French publishing firm, had acquired almost the whole block in which her house is located. The expectation is that they will develop it with apartment houses. This would be a pity, but I suppose inevitable, since the former British Embassy, which adjoins her house, and her own place, once the property of Marshal Saxe, occupy valuable ground. Her garden is surprisingly large and

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